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## THE POPERY OF POLITICS.

Scanning the records of human history, it seems as though man were not satisfied unless standing in the position of leader or ruler he could usurp some power, ignore the rights of his subjects and rob him of his individuality. That such a condition should exist is indeed very plausible. It is the trend of man's depraved nature and the outgrowth of selfishness. As we look at this picture of the human family, and seriously consider its lessons, the boasted emancipation of the mind meets an insurmountable obstacle, the question arises, Is the human mind really emancipated? The orators in extolling the virtues of their land of liberty; Poets in unfolding the fragrant flower of their imaginations in metrical and rythmical verse; Philosophers who in their diligent search for first causes, have brought forth the laws of mind; say yes. But history combined with observation, tells us in accents plain that the days of tyranny are not seasons of the past, but continue to the present time.

In studying this source of information our attention is readily drawn to the period when man was completely enslaved, physically and intellectually. The epoch that beheld popish rule at

its world-wide supremacy. To the time when the pope of Rome, having established himself in the center of his domains held and governed them, as the sun by a might power rules and regulates the planets. His right to rule was undisputed. He dictated to kings in far off countries. His law in the church was equally binding in the state. His wish became a law that enforced its demands upon every subject. His Holiness compelled governors and statesmen to bow reverently before him. Under this administration corruption soon became cognizant. Men had only to gain favor and then regardless of personal merit were placed in positions of high trust. Men whose sense of honor, justice and right, very similar to that of Spain's heroic Blanco, became spiritual fathers and advisers.

From these dreary scenes of tyranny we emerge into the brighter days of the reformation. Woe to the noble men and women who dared to stand for truth and right. The martyr fires that first illuminated the dreary night of oppression, were fed by the most talented, most heroic and noble men and women that the world possessed. Their work, however, was not in vain. Tyranny was separated from leader-



ship and for years since that dominating power of the pope has been practically lost. It was here that the emancipation claims first appear, spreading from this source over the continent of Europe, thence westward to America.

Here in this land of boasted constitutional liberty, we expect to see them entirely supreme. We look to this country as the center of civilization. The land where only the free and the brave should dwell. The nation where many bold steps in morals and religion have been taken. As the principality whose watchword is freedom. The republic so glorious and unchallenged, yet chained by a tyrant as powerful as any pope of ancient days. We find America enslaved not by a king or feudal lord, but by that prominent personage whom we fittingly call the pope of politics. A glance at his holiness will give us a conception of his remarkable qualities. He is all that the love of self could make him. His exalted position enables him to control all the money and votes of the state for its maintenance. Sublime indeed is the look of patriotism upon his classic face. His brow is wrinkled and burdened with care. His great massive mind is pondering upon the great problems of the day. His devoted consecration of all his energies to his country's cause, makes us behold him with reverence and checks all prejudice. Thus he is endowed with noble traits of character common to all popes. Honest, loyal, patriotic, exceedingly altruistic he sits enthroned upon America's free soil, receiving and conferring honors. His

majesty's creed is no less remarkable than his own character. Every office seeker comes humbly before the pope and in acknowledging him the only man who knows what is good for America, they repeat the words: We believe in God, the almighty father, maker of nations and governments, and in the political boss, his only son, who was conceived by that notorious spirit of immaculate honor and integrity, born into a world of corruption, suffers under the apparent reformers, is severely hampered by their glaring and unjust calumnies. We believe in his infallibility, abstemious nature, purity of thought, scholarly and inspired words, compulsory and universal worship, and that his viceregency is a divine institution, a sacrament, and no violations of his laws, maxims, principles and teachings righteously tolerable. This is the position, character and creed of that pope who rules American politics. He has made politics what it is, corrupt to the core. He has made it a menace to the nation. He, like a serpent fastening its fangs on its prey, poisons our American liberties. But have the true Americans been standing idly by as this monster has perpetrated his crimes. Are there none who have sufficient moral courage to step before him and deny his right to rule. We are not held in suspense for as we look away, we see noble patriots facing the tyrant. The same fate awaits them that befell the reformers. They become political martyrs. Behold the slow torturing methods of this martyrdom. There is the man, a noble patriot, his love for his country intrans-



cendable. His soul alive with zeal, who will not take the pope's creed as his own, but who strictly adheres to principles of right and justice. See the fate that awaits him, he is not compelled to pass thro a fiery ordeal, but he does suffer a humiliating defeat at the hands of the pope. One martyr after another has thus gone down before this popish power until despair has almost seized the American people, but a gleam of hope arises with the present political campaign. There is time to strike an effective blow. Will we see our best men go down before this profligate and supercilious tyrant. Shall men of intellect, men who have honored our institutions of learning and who would most notably grace our legislative halls; men who, in their lives, are the embodiment of the principles of our flag. Shall such men be our next political martyrs?



### SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

W. G. CLIPPINGER, '99.

It has been said that the signs of the times are shadows of coming events.

It is not our desire to assume the role of a prophet and picture to you in glowing words a vision of Acadian bliss or Utopian ideality, nor do we purpose to depict the horrible forebodings so common to the pessimist, but simply discuss a few evident facts concerning our country and our relation to it.

Every nation has had characteristic virtues and vices in its moral and political economy.

Jews and ritualism; Greeks and

culture; Romans and law, are terms which always have been suggestive of each other in their associations.

As Americans we have combined to a very great extent Jewish ritualism, Grecian culture and Roman law. Nevertheless we are a peculiar nation with serious defects in national government. As Israel was scattered because she trusted in rites and ceremonies, and Greece declined because she emphasized culture, and Rome fell because she trusted in human law, so will America weaken and decline tho a combination of these noble attainments, unless a greater element than any of these become part of the fabric of our great government.

In general, one of the most deprecating and deplorable tendencies menacing the safety of our republic today is *national discontent*.

Go where you will, search where you may, you will find in the heart of every individual a feeling of dissatisfaction, an uncontrollable restlessness, occasioned, no doubt by the phenomenal advance of modern civilization. This discontent manifests itself in the multiplicity of modern organizations, for mutual protection, among the rich and poor.

The poor man, dissatisfied with his lot strives by fair or unfair means, to obtain what he innocently claims as his rights, and the rich man, fearful, lest the poor man deprive him of his ill-gotten gain manifests the same restive spirit in striving to subdue him. Thus a continual warfare is being waged between the rich and poor, the high and low, each trying to oppress the other by shrewd conniving until



we are led to exclaim in the words of another

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,  
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

This popular discontent manifests itself very vividly in the attitude which the new woman assumes toward society. Not content with the noblest position delegated to mortals, she would condescend to step down from the throne of her divine inheritance and dabble in science, law and politics. O woman, knowest thou not that to sway the sceptre in the home is the highest mark of royalty and to train statesmen in the nursery is a nobler distinction than ever was conferred upon thy brother? Let Sparta be a silent warning.

A second alarming evil which is often looked upon as a virtue is the spirit of excessive freedom which is becoming so common among Americans.

Rightly do we boast of our liberty, but when we carry it to such an extent that one man's freedom becomes another's bondage, then equal rights are no one's rights.

This great evil arising from our system of government is growing to such an alarming extent that even the animals will run at you if you come in their way. Excessive freedom will finally return to excessive slavery if not guarded.

The third great evil of the day is the frightful increase of vice and immorality. When with honest eyes we look upon the corruption of politics, the impurity of society, the hypocrisy of the church, the desecration of the Sabbath, irreverence for God's word and the terrible woes of intemperance,

do you wonder that we cry out: How long, oh how long will these things exist?

But in the presence of these existing evils is there no remedy, no "balm in Gilead?"

If rescue is to be had, whence does it come? Methinks this is preeminently a time, not for warriors, but for statesmen, patriots, philanthropists and great preachers and teachers; A time when a Parkhurst and the leader of a crusade against society corruption will have higher honors than great warriors of old, a time when a Meyer, a Moody, a Crafts, a Willard and a Clark, find a mighty work to do in the breaking down of denominational barriers and sectional jealousies.

Yea this is a time when better than the culture of Greeks, the ceremonies of the Jews and the laws of Rome, is the great law of love which binds man to man and makes the whole world kin, uniting it in one common brotherhood.

Where is the man or woman who is willing to champion the cause of right in the great war against national discontent and jealousy, against a selfish freedom and against the dark crimes which blot the record of our fair Republic? Who is willing to help bring our people to the place of which it may be said:

"Out of the shadow of night  
The world moves into light.  
The day breaks everywhere."



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### IS THERE A GROWING DEMAND FOR A TEACHER'S SELF-IMPROVE- MENT?

In looking over our field of thought we see that there is a demand for a teacher's self-improvement in more phases than one. First, in regard to his own knowledge as considered apart from his professional knowledge and training I say fearless of successful contradiction that no teacher is fit to teach others, and especially children, who is not himself a student in some branch or branches of learning.

I care not how much knowledge he may already possess, though he be a graduate of a college or university and may even have gone abroad to finish his education, he must be a student in order to be a successful teacher.

The moment a teacher stops improving himself by systematically pursuing some branch of learning he reaches what Dr. Schaeffer very aptly calls the "dead line." He loses sympathy for the learner under him and no longer gives weight to the difficulties that beset the path of every student in any and every branch of knowledge.

So then it is of the utmost importance that the teacher keep himself alive to the essential issues of his profession of teaching others by constantly leading his own mind into fields of thought that are new to it and by observing the workings of his own

mind be able to deal successfully with other minds in their efforts to obtain knowledge.

Every teacher who makes the proper use of his time can, without detracting from the time he should devote to his school, give from two to four hours each day to the pursuit of some study in no way directly connected with his profession.

He may in this follow his particular taste let it be some foreign language, literature, history, mathematics, natural science, or whatever branch of study it may be let him take it up with a view to thoroughness and pursue it until no mean attainments have been made therein.

Many boards of directors object very much to employing a person who does not intend to make teaching a life work. They think it would be very wrong to employ an individual who was making teaching a stepping-stone to something higher. But it would be better by far to employ a man who was pushing his bark of knowledge with a deft hand toward some mark—say a college education preparatory to entering law or the ministry—than to employ a man who had stopped studying with the mistaken idea that he already knew enough.

Garfield was considered a most excellent teacher and yet he made teaching a stepping-stone to further his own education and to defray the expenses of his college life. Hundreds of other live active teachers might be mentioned as examples of persons who honored the profession of teaching

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### EDITORIALS.

WE call special attention to the Course of Reading for Students, by Dr. Roop, which is published in this issue. Every student should follow this line of collateral reading.

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PROF. LEHMAN, of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, has designed a very complete Astronomical chart or map for his work in the class room and lectures. It conveys, through the eye, a clear conception of the solar system, the motion of the planets, their relative sizes and distances from the sun, as well as much other valuable and interesting information. The map was neatly drawn by Mr. Weber, one of his students, and displayed great mechanical skill.

ATHLETICS at L. V. C. is receiving special attention. The gymnasium is now under the control of the College authorities, and an able instructor in gymnasium work has been secured. One period each day is now devoted to physical culture. Our foot ball team under the direction of Coach Stees is developing in skill and tactics, and promises to represent the College at the various games with credit. The manager has scheduled games with a number of strong teams, among them Susquehanna University, Ursinus, Gettysburg and State Colleges.

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It is gratifying to know that our present enrollment of students exceeds that of the spring term. To the many new students a hearty welcome is given. The many efforts on the part of the faculty and friends of the institution that have been put forth to bring this College to the front, have not been in vain. Great improvements have been made during the summer in the Science Hall, Ladies' and Main Buildings. The new course of study is pursued, in which is noticeable, the Bible study conducted by Mr. Hurlburt every Tuesday.

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NEVER within the memory of man has it been known that the vanquished forces have been so kindly treated as during the American-Spanish War. It had been the prevailing custom among the ancients either to kill or enslave the defeated nations. But the government of the United States contrary to every known custom treated the Spanish braves as guests. Thus



showing to the poverty-stricken, degraded, ignorant Castilian that we are not the cruel and barbarous people as the Spanish officials declared us to be. The purpose of the war as declared by President McKinley was not for conquest, but in the interest of humanity. This was clearly demonstrated by our treatment of the Spanish soldiers. That this treatment has won for us the hearts of the Spanish soldiers and the respect of the world is proven by the following from a letter of Pedro Lopez de Castillo to General Shafter: "You gain the everlasting gratitude and consideration of eleven thousand Spanish soldiers," and in a letter to the American soldiers, he says: "We would not be fulfilling our duty as well-born men, in whose breasts there live gratitude and courtesy should we disembark for our beloved Spain without sending to you our most cordial and sincere good wishes and farewell."

These are the words of an enemy, one who faced the American cannon, one who less than three months ago carried within his bosom an intense hatred for America and American people. Behold how changed! What has made it? The enforcement of the Golden Rule. Spain will ever be grateful to us for this deed of well-doing. Hearts are united which otherwise would have been separated. Mothers are made glad for the return of their sons; sweet-hearts for the return of their lovers; a nation for the return of her citizens and defenders.

It was found in Astronomy that Miss G. was two-tenths of a second too slow.

### BUSINESS! IMPORTANT!

With the increasing interest in the recent development of the College, it has been thought advisable to improve the mechanical appearance and literary standard of the FORUM, so as to be in harmony with this growing interest. Moreover, at the present subscription rate the FORUM has never proved a paying publication, consequently it becomes necessary to increase the subscription price to fifty cents.

It is sincerely hoped that those who are now subscribers will continue their subscriptions at the new rate and that they will endeavor to procure as many new subscribers as possible.

It is the desire of the publishers to give the readers all the news of the College and as many bright sparkling literary articles as possible.

Back subscriptions, however, may be paid at the old rate.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

### PERSONALS.

W. S. Roop spent Sunday, September 18th, with his parents at Highspire.

Mr. W. G. Clippinger attended the Dietrick-Roop wedding at Harrisburg, September 14.

Mr. C. E. Snoke reports a very pleasant visit to Derry Church, Sept. 18th, where he was the guest of his friend, E. S. Balsbaugh.

Miss Dundore, accompanied by her friend, Miss Haak, both of Womelsdorf, visited her sister and friend, Miss Castle, on the 23d and 24th of September.



Messrs. Huntzberger, Bash, and Myers, were in Lebanon on business on the 24th.

Miss Anna S. Myers spent Sunday, Sept. 18th, with her friend, Miss Susie Moyer, at Derry Church.

Mr. W. O. Roop spent September 13th and 14th at his home in Harrisburg, attending the wedding of his sister.

Mr. E. S. Balsbaugh spent Friday night and Saturday, September 23d and 24th, with his many friends at the College.

Messrs. Baldwin and Engle, of Harrisburg, were visiting their friend, G. Mahlon Miller, on Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th.

Misses Spayd and Daniel made a flying trip to Lebanon, Saturday the 24th. They report the pike as being in splendid condition for wheeling.

Prof. Daugherty held the quarterly conference at Shippensburg, Sept. 17th and 18th. He reports having had a very pleasant time and as being well pleased with the place and the people.



### Y. M. C. A.

L. V. C., SEPT. 28, '98.

At no time in the history of the College, were the prospects of a bright and successful future, better than at present. Every department of College work has assumed a different aspect. While we believe that every friend of the institution is interested in its general well-being, we also believe that there are those who are especially

concerned about its spiritual welfare. To those let me say in behalf of the Y. M. C. A., that we are expecting great and good things to come to this department of the work, during the coming year. There has been a marked degree of interest shown thus far in the work. Already the names of twelve persons have been secured, some of whom have been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work for some time and all of whom will add much to the good work already begun.

The State Secretary of the College Y. M. C. A., was with us Sunday, September 25th, and gave a soul-stirring address urging the members to a more consecrated life to God. After the meeting the officers met him privately and laid out plans for the work of the year.

In connection with the work of the Y. M. C. A. we wish to make mention of the reception or sociable which was held on the evening of September 10th. This social meeting is held regularly near the beginning of each term and is for the purpose of having the students come in contact with each other and form acquaintances.

At 7.30 on the above date the reception committee, composed of the presidents and secretaries of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A., took their position at the door of the parlor and met each and all the students as they came in. When all had been introduced the company engaged in all manner of games, which continued for about two hours. After this all were invited into the dining hall where they were served with an abundance of lemonade, fruits, etc. This was reported to have



been the best sociable held for a number of years. At 10.30 all retired to their respective homes and rooms to sleep and dream of the pleasant occasion.



### CLIONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

#### *Virtute et Fide.*

Another school year has opened and we have before us a bright future. Most of our girls have returned full of hope and zeal and are earnestly striving to make this society year one of the most interesting and instructive years that it has ever experienced. We realize that difficult work surrounds us indeed we sometimes become discouraged and feel that we are not equal to the duties which are constantly brought before us; but when we think of our motto "*Virtute et Fide*" we go out and earnestly strive to gain the coveted goal. We have already had a number of very interesting and entertaining meetings. Some of the new girls have joined our ranks and are pleased with the work we are going. We hope before long every girl that enters L. V. C. will take active part in this work, which will send them out into life's battlefield better equipped for the duties which await them.

Misses Arabel Batdorf and Lillian Dundore have joined our number.

On Friday evening Misses Minnie and Kathrine Stine, Smith, Spayd, Shiffer, and two of our Philo brothers, Messrs. Spessard and Clippinger, paid us a visit.

### ALUMNI ET ALUMNAE.

Howard Enders, B.S., '97, professor in the High School at Iron City, Mich., was a visitor here.

Jacob Zerbe, A.B., '98, has entered Yale Divinity School. We predict a bright future for "Jake."

Adam S. Ulrich, B.S., '97, will enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall as a law student.

Miss Mary Keller, B.S., '97, has been elected to a position in Shenandoah Institute, Dayton, Va.

W. R. Keller, B.S., '90, clerk in the U. S. Pension Agency, Philadelphia, was a caller at the Science Department.

Rev. S. C. Enck, A.M., '91, pastor of U. B. Church, at Manheim, Pa., was a visitor at the opening of the term.

Geo. A. Ulrich, B.S., '97, has returned to Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, for his second year's work.

Rev. J. A. Lyter, A.M., '85, pastor of the U. B. Church, Hummelstown, Pa., visited some of the class rooms lately.

Rev. I. E. Albert, A.B., '97, pastor of U. B. Church, Elizabethtown, Pa., was in town attending to very important business matters.

Reno Schaeffer Harp, A.M., '89, attorney-at-law, at Frederick City, Md., was in town attending the funeral of his father-in-law, Samuel Brightbill, who for many years was an honored citizen of the town, and a valued friend of the College.



Rev. C. B. Wingerd, A.B., '97, a student at Union Biblical Seminary, owing to pressing business engagements was detained here recently for one week.

Miss Bertha Mumma, B.S., '96, and Nile Christ, D.D.S., of Hummelstown, Pa., were married on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1898. The FORUM extends congratulations.



### MUSICAL NOTES.

Prof. Oldham has organized a chorus class of 30 members, which meets for practice once a week. This is an organization much needed and one which we are sure will afford many enjoyable occasions.

Saturday evening, September 17, the opening recital of the Conservatory of Music was held in the Chapel under the direction of Prof. Herbert Oldham, the newly elected Director of the Conservatory. It was in every way most successful. Prof. Oldham as a pianist is one of the finest ever heard in this section of the country. He has a pleasing manner combined with great technic and wonderful sympathy. His numbers were all encored but as he played six selections he did not respond to them.

Mrs. H. U. Roop delighted the audience with two songs which showed not only good technic and execution, but also a sweet fine voice of good range.

Prof. Taube played a spirited violin solo.

Miss Shelly recited a number in so good a manner that she was encored.

And Miss Annie Kreider and Miss Manbeck played two duets with Prof. Oldham, which closed a most delightful evening.

The hearts of all rejoice as they see the work on the new music hall progressing. The foundation is now being rapidly pushed to completion.

A good school orchestra is needed and hopes are entertained that in the near future one may be organized. Some good musical talent has come to the College this term that should be made use of in this way.



### DIRECTOR HERBERT OLDHAM.

The recently elected director for the Conservatory of Music, furnishes us with the following items as to his musical career.

Born in the early fifties; he entered the Christ Church Cathedral as choir boy at the age of six years, under Sir R. P. Stewart. Having the latter as his teacher in piano and pipe organ. When 17 years old he left the choir taking a position as organist to one of the London Churches, and as assistant in one of the large music stores. Prof. Oldham studied in London under Sir G. Macfarren, Sir John Stainer and Signor Randegger, the celebrated vocal teacher. Leaving London he went to Frankfort, studying under the late Joachim Roff, from thence to Paris where he was one of the pupils of Emil Haberlin. Went as organist to one of the large churches in Montreal, married there and after several years, had just returned to London when he was engaged as solo pianist to Camillo Urio, the great violinist, in her tour



through America in 1883-4. While on this tour Prof. Oldham played in 297 cities or towns of the Union. On the completion of the season he went to Toledo, Iowa, as director of the conservatory in connection with Western College. He remained there 6 years and then took a position in Southern Iowa. Moving from there to Lincoln, Neb., thence to Le Mars, Iowa, from whence he came to Annville.

Prof. Oldham was one of the originators and president of the Iowa Music Teachers' Association. And, although never having graduated from the London College of Music (the school in his time being in its initiatory stages) the faculty of the same elected him representative and examiner for the State of Iowa.

The Society of Science, Letters and Arts elected Prof. Oldham an Honorary Life Fellow and one of the executive board.

Prof. Oldham has already made friends for himself, artistically and socially, both in Annville and Lebanon, and we predict for the Conservatory under his direction, greater growth and success.



### IS THERE A GROWING DEMAND FOR A TEACHER'S SELF-IMPROVE- MENT?

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while it was to them only a stepping-stone. It is plainly evident that a teacher, too reckless to care for his own improvement, will care nothing for the improvement of others.

Children will be very apt to measure the importance of their knowledge

and instruction by the importance that the teacher gives to his own improvement. It is indeed very unreasonable for a teacher to insist on effort by his pupils if he does not try to advance his own attainments.

Study independent of the profession keeps the teacher alive and prevents him from "dying," as Dr. Schaeffer says, "before he is ready for burial." It keeps him awake to what is going on in the profession which brings us to the second phase of our theme, his knowledge as it applies directly to his profession.

It is a deplorable fact that so little professional knowledge is required in the public school teachers of our Commonwealth.

Before any one can enter any of the other professions he must undergo a long and careful preparation for that particular work.

A minister has four years in college and three years preparation in the seminary before he can be granted permission to preach. While the lawyer and the doctor after a long and careful schooling in law and medicine has almost to starve in some office for a number of years before he gets professional practice. But the profession of teaching is much too easily entered. Too often a person who has not the energy and tact to make a living in any other way will be given a school to teach and there make his living at the expense of the welfare of the minds of the pupils under him. The question now comes up how can this state of affairs be remedied? I would say that the answer is the same as the answer to the question, "Is there a



growing demand for teacher's self-improvement?" We reply without hesitation that there is a growing demand for the teacher's self-improvement. And in this lies the remedy for many of the present faults of the profession.

The subject of psychology is 'Greek' to many teachers, but it is a happy fact that the demand for it is growing. Many teachers try to conceal their ignorance of this subject by a rigmarole of methods and devices. The profession is flooded with one-horse journals of education which are a deadly bane to a teacher lacking a practical knowledge of mental science. Dr. Scheaffer aptly calls them "chicken feed."

A great number of teachers make use of these methods and devices as ends in themselves instead of simply the means to an end.

All good methods must have their origin in mental science, and since no one method will fit every case, it follows that the successful teacher must have a good working knowledge of psychology in order to be able to formulate methods for individual cases.

The teacher who depends on methods is like a weather vane tossed about by every "wind of doctrine," but he who depends for his guidance on the truths of mental science has a firm foundation on which to stand. The laws of psychology are as unchangeable as human nature, and human nature is ever the same. So then let every teacher not already having a practical knowledge of psychology apply himself diligently to its study.

The demand that is imperative upon every teacher today is more self-improvement. The sound is no long-

er uncertain. The trumpet of the Commonwealth is heard loudly calling for more self-improvement in its public school teachers. Let every teacher who reads these lines stop and think what his duty is in this regard. Let him resolve to improve himself.

The halls of Lebanon Valley College stand hospitably open to all such men. Our course is good in both pure and applied psychology. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

CHAS. E. SNOKE, '00.



Miss H. (in Philosophy)—Memory is a comfort to the blind for if one is blind they can't always see.

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Mr. B. (explaining the finding of longitude by occultations, in Astronomy)—Sometimes the moon runs over a star and it vanishes from sight.

Prof. L.—Why does it vanish?

Mr. B.—Because the moon is so brilliant.

Prof. L.—Not exactly. Let us illustrate. Let that spot on the board be the star and I will be a moon. Now as I walk in front the star vanishes from your sight. Why is it.

Mr. B.—Because you are so brilliant.

Prof. L.—Well then, suppose we change places. Then can I see the star.. (Laughter.)

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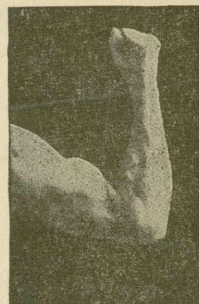
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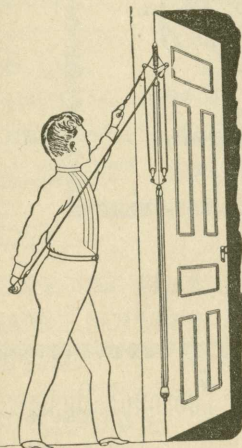


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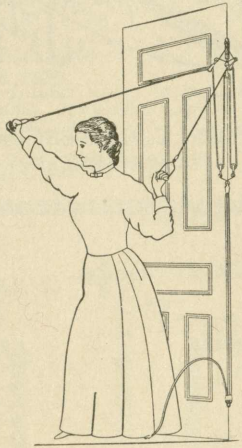
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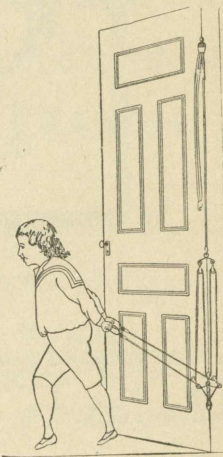
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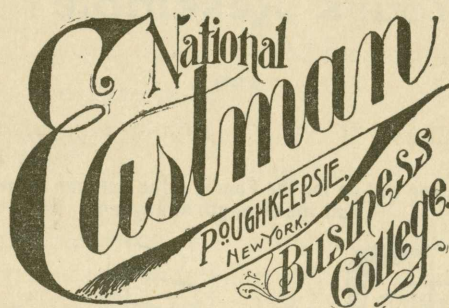


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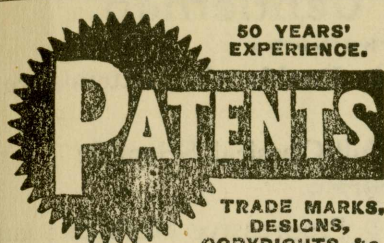


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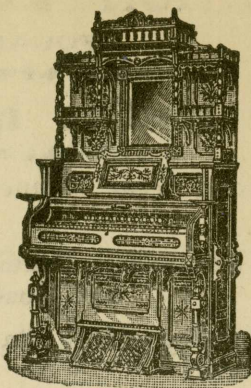
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## A Stupendous Avalanche.

REV. ADAM K. WEIR, '00.

As "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" so in the spacious museum of Nature's Wonders, there are multifarious and awe-inspiring objects which attract our attention, absorb our thoughts and rouse our emotions, speaking to us of the existence, omniscience and omnipotence of the Deity.

Of all the impressive spectacles presented to the human gaze, in God's universe, there is none so sublime and awe-inspiring and which makes such an ineffaceable impression upon the human memory as the colossal Pyramid of the Alps (The Matterhorn). See this icy pedestal. Like some divinely stationed sentinel this icy wedge pierces the ether to the amazing altitude of fifteen thousand feet. Its incredible height, its unintruded solitude and its unrivalled beauty inspires the thought that surely it is the portal of heaven.

But alas! as "it is not all gold that glitters" so, however marvelous its

magnitude, however awe-inspiring and sublime yet it is not a paradise, it is not the entrance to heaven, nor yet a secure habitation for the Swiss and the fatigued explorer. It is the birth place of the avalanche.

With unwavering courage, with a silent yet firm and elastic step, let us withdraw from this snow-capped pinnacle and behold the prosperous, well-populated and apparently safe city located at its base.

Its homes are well constructed after Gothic Architecture, the stately domes of its colleges and universities are evidences of the progress of its civilization, the chiming of the bells in the church towers is indicative of their confidence in Him who said "No evil shall befall thee," the much frequented and thronged streets bespeak for them a thriving populace, while all seems safe.

No imminent danger is perceived, no heraldry sounds the significant alarm of the inevitable destruction overhanging them. Mountains of snow stand tottering on the verge



of this stupendous pinnacle waiting merely for the provocation of a human voice, intruding into their solitude, to start them upon their awful plunge.

The fatal hour is come, the suppressed wrath of this icy monster has been provoked beyond endurance, and with maddening rage, with impetuous fury, with a roaring deafening sound and with a lightning speed it comes thundering down the mountain side upon its baleful mission. To late for the citizens to flee from the inevitable wrath to come and as our own thrifty prosperous Cuban brethren are rapidly being engulfed by the whirlpool of cruelty and barbarity by Spanish barbarism and conservatism, so this once prosperous, thrifty and placid city of Switzerland is being crushed by the incessant torrents of snow, ice and rocks borne down by this thundering avalanche.

Turning our eyes away from this city with its mountain of ill, away from its devastation and carnage, away toward the western continent, there in the dawn of western civilization arises to our view the stately domain of the American Republic.

Its foundation seems impregnable, its name unsullied, its permanence sure. All other republics, kingdoms and empires dwindle into insignificance in the face of this national splendor, wealth and prosperity and boasted social, civil and religious liberty. Yea, it attracts and commands the attention of all

the nations of the globe.

Here is perfect peace, here is incredible prosperity, here is unmolested security, here are unfading pleasures, here is inestimable happiness, here are no imminent and impending dangers, yea, here is eternal existence and permanence. Not so my friends, not so my countrymen. Alas it is only a dream, it is only the fancy of a distorted imagination.

There on the domain of American excellency and supremacy is the habitation of the most menacing avalanche ever viewed by human eyes, the embodiment and exemplification of all that is contaminating, demoralizing and destructive. It is the drink traffic.

Beneath this avalanche of rum and ruin, woe and despair, lie the prosperous, well-populated and apparently secure American cities. Ignorant of its stupendous magnitude, careless of its soul-blighting influences and indifferent to its organized and legalized power. There it stands overshadowing our homes, our schools, our churches, and our legislative halls. Stalking upon the precipitous verge of national avarice, injustice and disloyalty.

Again we hear the words of Cicero emanating from our intelligent, God-fearing and loyal countrymen. Oh the times! Oh the customs! Oh the shameful, heartless, inexcusable abuses practiced upon our land of Bibles, churches and schools, perpetrated upon the



inalienable rights and liberties of our countrymen by this monster, this giant curse and crime of the 19th century.

Methinks I again hear the divine injunction thundering down the aisles of the ages. Awake, ye who are unconscious of this mighty foe invading your land. Awake, ye politicians, ye who are rocked in the cradle of partisanship, selfishly seeking to perpetuate your partisan interests. Awake ye office seekers and voters, ye whose eyes are withheld from the innumerable ravages and woes perpetrated upon your homes, families, lives and property by this perfidious monster, this piratical invader of your country.

Awake, ye whose ears are stopped to the incessant shrieks of the delirious, the insane and the murdered, stopped to the bewailing entreats of myriads of tempted suffering, perishing, stopped to the pathetic voices of your country's mothers. Rouse ye whose lips declare not the tremendous magnitude of this saloon system which is securely entwining both parties in its death dealing.

Oh that God would raise up a Joshua, a John the Baptist, a Luther and a Wesley who with undaunted courage, incessant toil and indomitable perseverance would loudly and distinctly blow the soul-stirring bugle notes of warning and declamation against this venomous hydra, which is plunging its poisonous fangs into the body politic,

which is transmitting through our national organism the most widespread and rapidly consuming disease of drunkenness and crime and which is under the should-be spotless garb of religion, under the cloak of clean politics, in the name of the highly exalted high license system, yea in the very eyes of Christianity carrying on its work of death undisturbed.

Would that our nation might be aroused from its lethargy and would haste to the celestial peaks of righteousness, justice and humanity ere this rapidly rising, seething tide of rum shall overflow and annihilate our blood bought country. Already the dull thundering sound of this impending avalanche is heard. Its deafening sound is heard from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida. It is drawing nearer and nearer, bearing upon its implacid breast the snowbanks of destruction and death, impelled by the guilty forces of the rum parties, threatening to hurl our unrivalled civilization into the yawning chasm of national destruction. Yet onward it leaps upon its soul destroying course with increased vitality, renewed strength and with augmented velocity and viciousness.

Alas it has struck the camps of christianity. This harlot of vice and licentiousness has opened her chamber of corruption and deception and by her treacherous allurements and moneyed enchantments has enticed the church to step down



from the solid and impregnable rock of exclusive devotion to right, down into the fetid depth of intemperance and compromise with vice; down into this soul-blighting malestrom of damnation, until to-day she has soiled her robes of innocence and sanctity.

It is no longer satisfied with so large a scope of territory upon which to execute its work of death. No. It has slowly, yet most effectively, found its way to the boarding houses and dormitories of Yale, Princeton and other colleges of the land. It is plunging down upon our institutions of learning, the day-springs of enlightenment, the morning star of the emancipation of the race from the thralldom of ignorance and superstition, the land-marks of our progress, the milestones of our civilization and the guiding stars to perfection and permanency.

These pure intellects it robs of self-respect, deprives of reason, darkens perception and renders these divine gifts incapable of development and enlargement.

Encouraged by its unobstructed path, animated by its unbounded victories and impelled by the indifference and trepidity of the sleepy, drowsy, musty protestants onward it plunges finally striking the pillars of our political structure. Already has it smitten our political organism with political corruption and debauchery, inflaming the pure healthy tissues of justice, equality, and non-partisan legislation, and

leaving in turn the pale, unhealthy tissue of legislative degeneracy. It has found its way to the basement of our national capitol and has received the patronage of men of both houses, men whom American voters have placed in authority, too steer our ship of state across the troubled waters of the struggles and contentions for national supremacy, men into whose hands we have placed our interests and liberties and men upon whose discrimination, judgment and virtue the destiny and permanency of our country depends. We shudder with horror to think of the infamy and disgrace perpetrated upon the human race by the reading of the impure, obscene literature which is encompassing and overflowing our land, threatening to quell the rising tide of universal inquiry and research into the truth. Our hearts are stirred with sympathy and helpfulness, and incensed with divine wrath when we see the God-created, imperishable souls of our fellow men hurled down the rugged precipice of infidelity and ætheism.

We see the nation nodding assent to attack and overthrow the strongholds and fortifications of combines and syndicates which are laying the iron hand of monopolistic despotism and servitude upon our banks, politics, industries and the God-bestowed natural products of Mother Earth.

Our nation is rocked to and fro by the philanthropic crusade against the cruelties and barbarities inflicted



ed upon our Cuban friends by Spain. Yet high overhanging these inequalities and injustices is that tremendous, appalling avalanche of rum, in defiant altitude even to Him who said, "Righteousness exhalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

"While right and wrong with each other vie unto death, dare we stand idly by and watch the conflict with heart unmoved, or wide to the breeze shall our banner fly as we fight with the soldiers that time has proved? Oh now in this grand age of do or die dare we stand by? A thousand times no. We as Christians must bear our part in this fight. We must do and must dare, to the utmost of strength, that the foul curse of rum, that hath blotted the past with the plank of despair shall be cleansed from the skirt of the century to come, while this star crowned nation the palm branch shall wear, and the rum fettered slave task in liberty's air. We will do we will dare."



### West African Life.

—  
ALFRED SUMNER.

This subject is as wide as Africa is large; for I believe that over all the great continent of Africa the manner of living is not the same. Some sections are under English influence and would consequently adopt the English mode of living; some under German; some under Portugese, and others under French influence. These sections would

as a matter of consequence imitate the manner of living of those in power. Yet there are some who as yet are more or less outside of the influence of any foreign nation and live a life consonant to their surroundings.

I am not a traveller and consequently unacquainted with African life in general, so I will only speak of the life of natives inhabiting that part of Africa from which I came.

There are many phases of the life of a nation or people. There is the national phase, political phase, social phase, religious phase. These I intend speaking upon in regards to African life. But in so doing I shall not attempt to enter into details, but only touch the principal parts of these phases.

National life is much the same in Africa as in other countries of the globe. The nation itself is divided into several tribes, speaking out their thoughts by means of sounds peculiar to themselves, and having their own manners and customs. Tribal jealousy is not wanting. One tribe would consider itself superior to another. The Gallinas tribe, or Vis, especially think that it is highly favored, and right they are, for they are of the cleanest and tidiest people in Africa. The Mendi's are proud of their language, for it is destined to be to Africa what English is to the civilized world. The languages or dialects are as many as the tribes. One dialect does not differ very much from another. This, however, is true only in very



few tribes; such as the Sherbro and the Kittim, the Mendi and the Lokkoh. By this I mean you could find or hear the same sound, meaning the same thing, in these dialects.

The tribes that compose the African nation are the Mendi, Timinee, Susu, Lokkoh, Sherbro, Kittim, Gallinas, Mandingo, Connot, Gejee, GBantee, Foulah, Congo, etc. These live in different sections of that continent.

African political life, though it answers its purpose, is wanting in many things. The nature of the people explains this. As a people whose intellectual worth is "below par" in civilization, you can expect nothing better. They know not the end of their being, so to speak; they see nothing without to which they should aspire to attain; they know of no Moses and his ten laws, nor of Solon the famous Athenian lawgiver; and coming down to modern times, they know of no Blackstone, a man famous for English jurisprudence. They are thrown entirely on their own resources. They have no written laws outside of the conscience. This is the basis in their politics.

Laws are generally given out by proclamation. The chief man gives out the law, which sometimes is effected solely by himself and sometimes his chief counsellors with him, to his interpreter, who with a little shell in his left hand which he strikes with a small stick in his right, goes from corner to corner of the village repeating the law at

the highest pitch of his voice. As a rule everyone is his own lawyer. The chief man is always the chief justice. The proceedings at their courts are almost the same as in civilized courts, for they have jurors, witnesses, plaintiff, defendant, sometimes lawyers and judge. There are also sub-chiefs controlling smaller villages. There are no prison houses, as fines are the only penalties for crimes. The secret society known as Purrol is the political body and what is decided upon there stands a law.

Our next point—social life—I shall dwell on very sparingly. As I said before Africans live chiefly in small villages, scattered here and there over the broad land, which are under the immediate supervision of the chief man, who is appointed to that position by the head chief or king. Their houses are suited to them only, small and sometimes dark inside, that entering some of them, having come from the glare of a mid-day sun, you would be obliged to stand some minutes before you could see anything about you; yet they live as comfortable as any one would in a palace. The father is the head of the family or home, and it is his duty to see after its welfare. The wife is expected to be subject to the husband, although her influence over the home is just as strong as is the husband's. She sees after the decency of the house and the culinary affairs. The children are expected to obey their parents in



all things; and they hold the belief that any child refractory and disobedient will certainly be rewarded when he comes to take up the duties of the head of a home. The relations existing between parents and children in civilized countries are not the same in Africa. There are always beside the children of a household, others who are either subjects or under training, who receive the same treatment as though they were children of the same family. The chief dress of the native African is chiefly a large flowing gown resembling the Roman toga, and flowing parts for the men and a piece of cloth usually three yds. long by about two yds. wide for women. Boys and girls, from about 10 years upwards, wear kerchiefs round their waists; the boys tying them in a way different from the girls. Of course these are the general styles of dress; there being other things worn over the body or on the head, such as beads of different colors woven together in beautiful geometrical figures, gold and silver ear rings, finger rings, bangles, etc. Children from infancy up to about eight and sometimes to twelve or fifteen years are seen naked.

There are several societies among the natives, some composed only of men, others of men and women, which really are the sources of pleasure or enjoyment. There are six principal ones. The Purrol—only men—the chief of all men societies; Tomat—men and women;

Ngooyirah, signifying "unity is strength," only men; Bondoe—women's chief society; Yassay and Heemoh. Each society has its peculiar devil, which really is a person transformed in such a way that at first sight one would not fail to take to his heels. This person is never known nor seen but by the society, and whoever of them discloses the secret does so at the cost of his life. Some devils, in their diabolical suits come to public places and dance. These are the Bundoe and Ngooyirah devils; the others may be heard pouring forth horrible sounds at a distance, at hearing of which everyone, not a member of his society, is obliged to run off to a safe distance or shut himself up in a house.

There are some mysteries connected with these devils. Whoever is not a member and sees a Bundoe devil is affected with hernia, if a male, and another disease if a female. Whoever is not a member and sees the Tomat devil, loses his nose. I know what belief I have in such things, but I have seen it so. Hence natives have high regard for their several secret societies.

The enjoyments of natives are many. The dances connected with their secret societies, the Samgba, Kogay, Bimbee, Gbokah are the principal ones. Children take part in these dances, although they have their own enjoyments, consisting of hide-and-seek, tug of war, the leopard and the goat, etc., which



are played by moonlight and by fire light when the nights are dark.

The religious life is very low. There is no tribe but does believe in an all-powerful God that dwells above; but their ideas or notions of Him are dark. Very few know of Christ, but all know of satan. The general saying, the Africans worship the devil I do not accept. One thing I know, that they know not now to worship God, hence they resort to low ways of doing so by bringing some form of idol to represent a god. They have an idea of the future state, believe in spirits and the power Fetish.



#### Field Notes.

FROM THE FIELD SECRETARY.

Having recently accepted the Field Secretaryship of Lebanon Valley College, as successor to Rev. H. B. Dohner, whose work has been so eminently successful, I am conscious of the need of co-operation on the part of every friend of the institution, in order that I may carry forward the interest my predecessor has represented during his brief administration.

That Lebanon Valley College has entered upon a new era of prosperity is apparent on every hand. The reduction of the debt from \$40,000 to less than \$10,000 within the last fifteen months, is especially a hopeful indication, not only of the increasing liberality of our people, but of the wide field that

providence is opening to the College, as the debt diminishes. Once the entire indebtedness wiped out, we have reason to believe there are individuals who will come forward and do for the further extension of the facilities of the College what Mr. B. H. Engle, of Harrisburg, is doing for the Music Department in the erection of a Music Hall, which will be an honor to the donor and add greatly to the valuation of the College property. Thus for the present, the special work that shall engage us will be the securing of the balance of indebtedness on the school. In this effort, I trust I may have the united support of the alumni, and the pastors and laity in the co-operating conferences. It will facilitate my work and greatly encourage me, if all the pastors will allow me to arrange with them in advance, as some are doing, to visit their respective fields of labor at a time most convenient to them. While my visit will be in the special interest of Lebanon Valley College, I shall endeavor at the same time to be helpful to them, wherever I may, in their local work; recognizing that our interests are common, and that the ultimate object of our Christian work is the same—the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.

The marked increase in the attendance of students at this time is another evidence of the new life and hopefulness that have come to the College. The enrollment for the fall term is nearly two hun-



Col- dred; and a more promising and  
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l out, not be found in any college. Many  
re are of the young men are preparing for  
rward the Christian ministry, which is  
ion of the strongest testimony to the deep  
what spiritual life that obtains, and is  
urg, is fostered in the school.

If the United Brethren Church  
in the East will at this time allow  
herself to be stimulated by the  
phenomenal success of Lebanon  
Valley College, the day is near at  
hand when this, our Eastern school,  
will not only stand at the head of  
all our denominational schools, but  
second to none among the many  
strong institutions of the East.

J. P. MILLER.



#### Alfred Charles Tennyson Sumner.

A remarkable interest is being  
manifested in the native African  
boy, Alfred Sumner, who recently  
entered College for the purpose of  
pursuing a full course.

For the information of those who  
are interested in mission work in  
Africa, we give a brief sketch of  
his career.

He was born at Bonthe in 1874,  
of parents who were among the  
first mission children of the U. B.  
Church. He was placed in care of  
the missionaries at Sherbro Station,  
West Africa, and graduated from  
the Rufus Clarke Training School  
in 1894. He then taught in the  
U. B. School at Bonthe which is  
partially under the control of the

English government, until coming  
to America. Inspired by an ambi-  
tion to obtain a college training, he  
started from his home at Bonthe  
July 19th, though beset by seem-  
ingly unsurmountable difficulties,  
for the purpose of coming direct to  
Lebanon Valley College. He left  
Freetown, July 31, and came to  
Boston via London and Liverpool.  
He arrived at Annville August 31.

The story of his journey is touch-  
ing indeed when one thinks of the  
self-sacrifice and indomitable cour-  
age which he manifested in over-  
coming the poverty which seem-  
ingly opposed his coming here. As  
soon as he arrived he was given a  
home and made comfortable  
through the kindness of Bishop  
Kephart and Dr. Roop until the  
opening of school when he was giv-  
en a room in the building. Though  
his face is of typical African hue,  
yet it reflects the very sunlight of  
the warm country from which he  
came in its cheery smiles.

He has won for himself a host of  
friends by his genial and manly dis-  
position. He enters college as a  
conditioned Freshman, where he  
shows signs of more than ordinary  
ability in the aptness and brilliancy  
with which his class work is at-  
tended. An article on "African  
Life" written by him appears in  
another column.

Next month we hope to favor  
our readers with an article on "Life  
in Armenia," written by our na-  
tive Armenian student, Karnig  
Kuyoomjian.



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### EDITORIALS.

WE beg to apologize for the delay in the issue of the FORUM for this month. It has been caused by an unexpected delay in the change of presses and power in the printing office for which no one is personally culpable.

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WORK, hard, earnest, persistent work is an essential of success. Edison, when asked what genius was, said, "Genius is ninety-eight per cent. hard work." We cannot be truly successful unless we have formed the habit of working. We may for a time, appear among men who are truly great, but invariably we fall back to follow the path already traversed by larger minds.

DR. ROOP recently announced a Junior oratorical contest, to occur during commencement week. This supplies a great need of the College. Persons coming through these contests victorious are well fitted to enter inter-collegiate and state contests. Great things are expected of the Juniors.

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THE East Pennsylvania and Eastern Conferences, which have held their annual sessions during the past month, gave particular attention to education. The following from the East Pennsylvania Conference Herald speaks for itself:

"The educational work of the Conference received due attention. Lebanon Valley College being within our bounds, and its President, Dr. H. U. Roop, being one of our number. His report to the Conference was very gratifying, from a financial, numerical and scholastic standpoint."

At the session of the Eastern Conference one evening was given exclusively to education. R. R. Butterwick read a paper on education. Dr. Roop and Dr. Miller, Field Secretary of the College, then addressed the audience. It is gratifying to know that these Conferences are effective in their support.

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OF THE many attributes that constitute a successful student, none is of greater importance than a firm, unrelenting determination to know thoroughly whatever he tries to learn. Habits grow upon



us. Some one has said, that man is only a bundle of habits. Hence the great importance of forming good habits during college life. The student who lacks thoroughness will learn one lesson partly, so as to have a very faint conception of its general nature. The next lesson is less thoroughly learned and so on until he knows nothing definitely, but everything is a mazy mixture in his mind. His mind becomes clogged. He tries to convince himself that he does not like that branch, while the fault lies not with the branch but with his dawdling habits of study.

Let the student who would be successful be unsatisfied, until he knows every phrase of what he is trying to learn and is sure, not only of having learned it, but that he comprehends the matter. Then only will a student gain confidence in his unfolding powers. Dawdling over books and only half perceiving lessons has a tendency to weaken and impoverish the mind rather than to strengthen it.



### The Lecture Course.

The lecture committee is earnestly engaged advertising the course of lectures for the coming season. Perhaps never before has there been as strong a course and such a variety of talent displayed as there will be this year. Encouraged by the generous support tendered them

by students and friends in the past two years, the committee has seen fit to make a much heavier investment even than heretofore, and yet not charge more for the tickets, thus giving the patrons the benefit of as magnificent display of music, oratory and wit as has ever been their privilege to enjoy.

The first number, The Ariel Sextette, November 18th, is too well known to require any comments here to recommend them to the public. The famous Smith Sisters have won for themselves such a reputation that the mere mention of their name is a sufficient guarantee of their popularity.

One of the strong numbers on the course is the noted Brooks-Smiley Combination, December 17. Fred Emerson Brooks, the California Poet, and Owen A. Smiley, the Society Entertainer, will give an evening of most delightful entertainment.

Russell Conwell is recognized everywhere as the prince of platform orators, so needs no further introduction. He will appear February 2.

Chas. Fraser, who won for himself such enthusiastic applause two years ago, will return again this year, March 10, when he will no doubt be greeted by a host of ardent admirers.

The last number on the list will be the Eldredge Concert and Electric Carnival Company, March 17. Miss Eldredge, who was a member of the famous Bird Carnival Com-



pany, will give a magnificent display of d'elarte movements, accompanied by brilliant electrical illuminations. Besides, there will be many other novel yet elevating amusements connected with this combination.

In order to bring this excellent course before the public the committee has published a twenty page booklet containing all necessary information and announcements concerning every number. It is hoped that every student and friend within reach of the College will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity for entertainment and culture.



#### Among the Societies.

KALOZETEAN.

*Polma non sine Pulvere.*

We are proud to observe that the same energetic and progressive spirit, which is a marked characteristic of the various institutions of the College, also pervades the members of the Kalozetean Literary Society.

This is evinced by the punctual attendance; and the marked interest the boys are taking in the literary work. Especially is the preparation and rendition of programs worthy of emulation. We are glad to welcome the six brothers who thus far have joined our ranks, as well as to laud them for their remarkable interest and vigor which they manifest in our meetings.

To those who, as yet, have not embraced these literary opportunities, we extend a hearty welcome to join us. "Come thou with us and we will do you good.

PHILOKOSMIAN.

*Esse Quam Videre.*

RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

Be loyal to any organization with which you are identified. Success lies in an adherence to the laws and principles of our society; which are prime essentials in our efforts to accomplish our ends. In military circles, men are required to salute their officers whenever they pass. In passing the flag the same ceremony is observed. Their fine state of efficiency shows the value of their training. We do not wish it to be inferred that our members are remiss in this respect, but simply urge all to do their best in this direction. The modern politician works three hundred and sixty-five days in the year for the success of his party. We may imitate him for at least three hundred and thirteen days in a year and thus accomplish good results.

The following gentlemen recently joined our society: A. C. Tennyson Sumner, John C. Daugherty, Paul P. Smith, Harry H. Yohe, Henry H. Baish, N. C. Arnold, E. S. Fenstermacher and O. G. Myers. We are glad to welcome these gentlemen into our society.



The society was visited by the following persons on Friday evening, October 21, Miss Hartz, Miss Light, Miss Baker, Mr. Geyer, Mr. Long and Mr. Garland. The society feels highly honored in receiving these visits and hopes to receive many more in the future.

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CLIONIAN.

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*Virtude et Fide.*

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EMMA R. BATDORF, '99.

Society work is progressing. The attendance is good, and we are glad to say, that most of the girls are not shirking duty. We are sorry that a number of the girls are not members of the society. We know they do not realize the importance of society work or they would not hesitate to join our ranks. It is really a privilege to be a member of a literary society as the training is such that cannot be received elsewhere.

The girls are very busy preparing for anniversary and are looking forward to the event with much pleasure.

Arrangements are being made for joint sessions with the Philos and Kalos in the near future. These meetings are always a source of great pleasure and benefit to all.

On Friday evening, October —, Misses Putt, Vallerchamp, Gruber and Castle visited the society.

### A Psalm of Life.

H. E. SPESSARD, '00.

Tell me not in merry jingle,  
Married life is but a dream;  
For the girl is dead that's single,  
And girls are never what they seem.

Boys be real, boys be earnest,  
Bachelorhood is not your goal;  
Thou, in thy bosom surely burnest  
For some maiden's heart and soul.

All's enjoyment and not sorrow  
On our matrimonial way;  
And our actions on the morrow  
Prove we're near our wedding day.

Courtship's long and time is flying;  
Yet anon from far and near,  
You can hear old maids acrying,  
Bachelors wanted, over here.

In the world's broad field of action,  
With a broom and butcher knife,  
'Tis a deal of satisfaction  
With a heroine, a wife.

Lives of old maids oft remind us  
There's a chance for every lad;  
And rejecting leave behind us  
Teardrops on some cheek so sad.

Teardrops that perhaps some other  
B'cause of pity tried to check,  
A brokenhearted, downcast brother  
One time "Got it in the neck."

Trust no maiden howe'er pleasing;  
Stolen kisses are no dread;  
Act, act in the living present  
"Heaven on earth," 'tis sometimes said.

Let us then be up and wooing;  
Take your chance at any rate;  
Even though her dad may catch you  
Spoonng at the garden gate.



Prof. O.—Keeper of the penitentiary, reports that institution to be in a flourishing condition.



### Personal.

I. F. Buffington, of Elizabethville, Pa., gave his daughter, Nellie, a short call in the beginning of the month.

About 20 of the students attended the concert given in the Methodist Church, of Lebanon on the 13th of October, by Mr. Earnest Gamble, the celebrated basso soloist.

Mr. Spotts was compelled to quit school on account of weak eyes.

Rev. A. R. Myers, of Mountville, visited his daughter, Anna, on October 3d.

During the past weeks Dr. Roop has delivered addresses in Lebanon, Harrisburg, Allentown, Washington, D. C., and Reading.

Mrs. Dr. Roop sang a number of selections at the Missionary Branch Meeting of the Eastern Conference at Allentown, and at the Eastern Annual Conference at Reading, in her own inimitable style.

Messrs. Albright and Arnold spent October 7-10, at their homes, Dallastown and York, respectively, having made the trip on their wheels.

Mr. S. D. Kauffman was called to his home, Dallastown, October 18th, by the death of his father.

Dr. J. P. Miller, the field secretary, preached in the Trinity U. B. Church, Lebanon, Sunday morning, October 23, and in the Salem Church in the evening.

Among those who attended the great military parade in connection with the Peace Jubilee at Philadelphia, we note the following students: Harry Stees, Fred Light, R. D. Burtner, D. M. Oyer, I. W. Huntzberger, A. G. Smith, C. E. Fisher, H. H. Hoy, Frank Douglass, W. S. Roop, Seth Light and L. D. Gass.

Frank Douglass has been confined to his room for several days on account of illness.

Arthur Lehman, of Killinger, John Geyer, '98 of Royalton, and Miss Baker, of Lykens, all Dauphin county teachers, were pleasant callers October 18th. Wm. M. Beatty, of York, a former student, was also a visitor.

W. G. Clippinger preached in St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Lebanon, October 23, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. H. Romig.

R. R. Butterwick was absent on Thursday, October 20, conducting funeral services at his pastorate at Sinking Springs.

Alfred Sumner delivered a most interesting address at the Women's Missionary meeting in the U. B. Church on October 23. He also favored the audience with a solo. Mrs. Dr. Roop and Miss Mary Kreider also added to the program with vocal selections. Mr. Sumner also delivered an address in the U. B. Church in Middletown, on Sunday, October 30, and will talk at other points later in the fall.



Miss Anna Myers and C. E. Snoke were the guests of Miss Susie Moyer, Derry, Sunday, October 23.

Miss Edith Grabill spent several days at Elizabethtown with Miss Nellie Buffington.

On account of the death of his step-father, Prof. Meyer has been absent from his classes for a few days.

H. H. Baish, H. H. Hoy and W. G. Clippinger attended the Dauphin county teachers institute at Harrisburg. They enjoyed hearing Dr. Frank Bristol give his magnificent lecture entitled "Brains."



#### Y. M. C. A.

The interest manifested at present in our Y. M. C. A. meetings exceeds that of any of the recent years, both in regard to numbers and the willingness with which the members discuss the various topics assigned.

We are much pleased to see that the professors are interested in this work, and I am sure we appreciate, very much, their presence and their talks. Having crossed many of the rugged places of life's pathway and having fought many of her battles, they are able to give us such words of advice and instruction as will better enable us to cope with them when it is our lot to meet them.

The association has purchased new singing books for use in its

meetings, and have also elected a pianist and chorister. Since good music is the life of such meetings we hope to enjoy its benefits.

A goodly number of the boys expect to take up the study "African Missions." This we feel to be a step in the right direction; for we fear that too many of our people are not sufficiently acquainted with the work of missions to appreciate their true worth. We hope that more will decide to join in the work. They will use the book written by Bishop Mills.



#### Athletics.

Lebanon Valley College opened their foot ball season with a game on the College Campus on Saturday, September 24, with Harrisburg High School. Owing to the new men on the team and the hot weather, short halves of 15 minutes each were played. Neither side scored.

The following Saturday the team went to Gettysburg and played the college team of that place. Two twenty minute halves were played. Score, Gettysburg, 6; L. V. C., 0; Gettysburg scoring on a fluke.

The following Tuesday the team went to Lebanon to play Ursinus College. Score, Ursinus, 6; L. V. C., 0.

The first Saturday in October the team went to York and lined up against the strong York Y. M. C. A. team, composed of ex-colleg-



iate players. Score, York, 24 ; L. V. C., 0.

On Saturday, October 22, on the College Campus, we met Harrisburg Academy, composed mostly of ex-collegians. Score, L. V. C., 58 ; Harrisburg Academy, 0.

On Wednesday, October 27, the team went to Collegeville to play Ursinus College. The team played in mud and a blinding rain. Score, Ursinus, 25 ; L. V. C., 0.

The players at present on the team are as follows : Center, House ; right guard, Sollenberger ; left guard, Huntzberger ; right tackle, Roop ; left tackle, Gass ; quarter back, Fisher ; right end, Oyer ; left end, Hartman ; right half, Stehman ; left half, Stees ; full back, Douglass ; subs, Smith, Sanders, Miller.

The change of Douglass from end to full straightens the team. Oyer, Hartman, Stehman are good ground gainers. Roop at tackle is our best man at that place. House holds his own at center. Fisher at quarter is a good, heavy man for the position.

When we consider that the men are nearly all new men we can feel well satisfied with the work done. We are well pleased with the work of Coach Stees, whose work as coach has been very satisfactory, and whose playing at left half is always a feature of the game.



Pres. (in Philosophy) — "Are judgments synthetic or athletic?"

### Musical.

A male quartette has again been organized, composed of the following : First tenor, H. E. Spessard ; second tenor, S. D. Kauffman ; first bass, W. S. Roop ; second bass, C. V. Clippinger.

The chorus class, under the leadership of Prof. Oldham, is making rapid progress.

New music books have been introduced into the Y. M. C. A. and will also be used for the weekly prayer service. H. E. Spessard was elected chorister, and C. V. Clippinger, pianist, for the Y. M. C. A. The desire of the association is to have good, lively and soul cheering music.



### Alumni et Alumnae.

Jay W. Yoe, '98, pastor of the Second United Brethren Church, York, Pa., visited his brother.

J. R. Geyer, '98, a teacher in the Dauphin county schools, while attending the county institute at Harrisburg, came to visit his old friends at L. V. C. We are always glad to see you, John.

On Tuesday, October 18th, at high noon Rev. Ira E. Albert, '97 and Miss Mary Richards, '97, were married by the Rev. W. H. Uhler, ex-presiding elder of the Eastern Conference, and Rev. D. S. Eshel-



man, pastor of the U. B. Church, Annville. Rev. Albert is one of the rising young men of the church, a good student and an eloquent preacher, and is well liked by his people at Elizabethtown, to which place he was recently appointed for the second year. Mrs. Albert is one of the many young ladies of promise of this beautiful town. She is thoroughly in sympathy with her husband's work and will doubtless be a great help to him. The FORUM extends congratulations and wishes the happy couple bon voyage on the sea of life.



#### Alumni and the Telescope.

The Professor of Astronomy has sent out letters to members of the Alumni Association asking for contributions to the Telescope Fund. Replies have been received, up to this time, from the following:

Geo. W. Gensemer, '80,	\$10.00
C. H. Backenstoe, '87,	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Brightbill, '81,	1.00
E. L. Haak, '92,	1.00
G. W. Hanger, '84,	1.00
W. R. Keller, '90,	1.00

About a hundred of these letters were sent out, to such as had not paid their annual fee. This fee is only a dollar and ought to be paid cheerfully especially when it is applied to improve the equipment of one of the departments of our Alma Mater. Let us have more dollars! We need a telescope.

#### Exchanges.

It is with a feeling of pleasure that the editor of this department of the FORUM, resumes his work. We welcome back to our desk the many exchanges we last year hailed with so much pleasure. The first issues of many of them show a marked change, due to change of editors, most of them however for the better.

Foremost in literary merit this month is the "Red and Blue." It contains a very finely written article, "The Postponed Visit." The writer of the story has a remarkable knowledge of human nature and has also shown his ability to portray the same very well.

Another exchange worthy of notice is "The Ursinus College Bulletin." The paper is filled with college notes and matters of local interest, though not strong in a literary line. The shape and general appearance might be improved.

"The Anchor" of Hope College contains an excellent essay on Thomas Babington Macaulay. The article ably commends this great author and shows him worthy to be classed among England's "great geniuses." In the same paper we find a pointed article on "The Student a Factor in College Administration."



Miss S. (in Philosophy)—Seems to me every one would have a particular man.



### Improvements.

As announced last month, with this edition THE FORUM appears in a greatly improved condition. Though to the casual observer it may not present great marked improvement, yet we believe our readers, who are critical observers, will note the following excellent features: Smaller type is used and four additional pages of printed matter have been added, thus affording our readers a much greater amount of reading. The quality of the paper is better and the cover much heavier. Besides these marked features, it is our design to improve the literary quality of the FORUM as well.

Each month it will contain a report of the Field Secretary, with important news relative to the same. All these things entail additional expense and we trust that all of our present subscribers will respond promptly in the payment of their subscription dues, which are payable at the old rate of twenty-five cents a year, and will also favor us with their renewal at the new price of fifty cents.

Now, if never before, will the FORUM contain news of interest to all the friends of the College.



### Our Miscellany.

Oregon has a yearly gold output of \$1,000,000.

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The Russian imperial crown is valued at £1,200,000.

Every mortal with a hopeful heart is a capitalist.

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A beggar who died a few weeks ago in Auxerre, France, was found to have 1,000,000 francs in bonds in a trunk, and in his cellar 400 bottles of wine of the vintage of 1790.

A Kansas woman sent one dollar away in answer to an advertisement promising for that sum to tell how to keep the smell of boiling sauerkraut from penetrating through the house. The answer was to eat the cabbage raw.

If a lion and a strong horse were to pull in opposite directions, the



horse would win the tug of war easily; but if the lion were hitched behind the horse, and facing the same direction, he could easily back the horse down upon its haunches.

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At a sheriff's sale in Paterson, N. J., a few days ago, a man picked up a cemetery, so to speak, for \$160, and proposes making building lots on it. Descendants of the old Patersonians who are buried in it think this is running speculation in the ground.

Andrew Carnegie says it is a disgrace to die rich. If Andrew will follow this line a little further he will discover that in many instances it is a disgrace for a man to live rich, especially when his wealth is founded on blow-holes.—Lawrence Journal.

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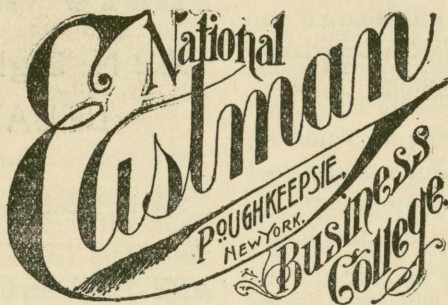


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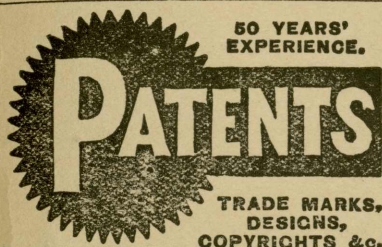


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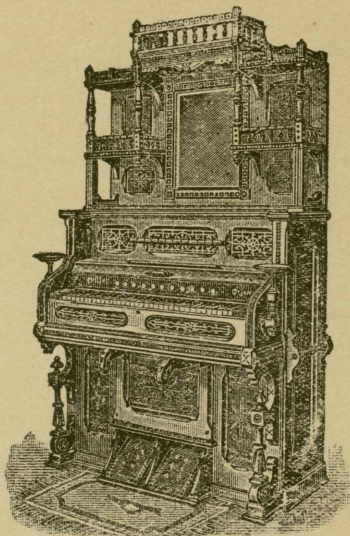
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## The True Heroine.

S. ANNA MEYERS, '99.

There is probably no word in the English language which carries with it a greater sense of pride than the word *Heroine*. The utterance of this word at once suggests to us the idea of perseverance, bravery, greatness, nobleness and fame. We do not recognize the influence that the word heroism has over us, but in truth it means a very great deal. When we read the morning paper we pass over much of the contents in a disinterested way, but should our eyes fall upon the heading, "A True Heroine," how suddenly we stop and are very soon interested in the contents of the paper. In ages past all history, all nations, all classes of society have had their heroines. Heroes? Yes, there are many heroes and I sometimes think we forget that there are not only men whose names are worthy to be recorded, but there are women, heroines of whom we are proud to-day.

As we look back over the pages of the past, whose heart does not thrill with pride when they read of Mollie Pitcher and her heroic act,

of Florence Nightingale and her life of sacrifice? And who does not remember the brave Grace Darling? Not only these but the more modern heroines as Clara Barton and the nurses who served in the recent war with Spain. These brave women stand in history as heroines, and their names shall not be forgotten. Although we would be loyal to those whose brave deeds are recorded in history we would be animated to greater work by the examples they have given to us. Yet we would not convey the impression that these, who have done some public act, or have come in touch with the masses only are heroines.

And now the question arises what does heroism mean? What is it to be a true heroine? And it is here we would have you think for yourselves. Does it consist in fame, in praise, in the doing of some great act alone? If so, I fear that many of us would not be heroines.

We are in college, in the midst of our school life, we come in touch every day with those kind girls, whose cheerful faces and peal of laughter make you feel as if there



was no sadness in the world, but that every day was a holiday and every holiday a feast. But look closer do you not see behind those long lashes a tear? Back of those kind words do you not feel there is perhaps a heavy heart and a weary sigh? Can you note the sacrifice it takes for that life to be happy. Many a young woman to-day is sacrificing friends, the pleasures of home and society in order to secure an education which will prepare her for a noble useful life. Is she a heroine? The factory girl is arranging the fabrics to be woven into cloth, day after day she stands, her strength almost failing her sometimes, but she remembers her aged mother at home or the sister who needs her earnings, and maybe she is desirous for an education, no matter how great her ambition may be, she must sacrifice them all for the sake of home. I ask you is she a heroine?

Again we see a mother weary of the many cares that she has, the little ones crying for bread, the landlord demanding his rent, the chilling blasts of winter telling that fuel must be required or starvation and death is sure. The poet must have thought something of this when he wrote—

With fingers weary and worn,  
And eyelids heavy and red ;  
A woman sat in womanly rags  
Plying her needle and thread,  
Stitch, stitch, stitch, in poverty, hunger  
and dirt,  
And that with a voice of dolorous pitch,  
Would that its tones could reach the rich,

She sang the song of the shirt.

Was she not a heroine?

There are true hearts and noble lives all about us, we meet them every day, and because we do not see the struggles in that life, because we do not know the many hours of pain and conflict between the right and wrong hidden behind the reflecting light of smiles, does this mean that the life is not worthy of praise? Oh! No. She is a heroine. A true heroine who has made and is even making sacrifice for others, so that other lives may be better and happier. And these are the heroines of which we know little. And only in the last day when He who understands the motives and thoughts of every life shall lift the veil and reveal the mysteries, only then will we see and know that the lives of many of those about us whom we thought insignificant shall stand forth in beauty, bearing the banner—"A True Heroine."



### Life In Armenia.

KARNIG M. KUYOUMJIAN '01.

The Armenians, who belong to the Indogermanic family, were contemporary with the Assyrians. They established a kingdom of their own in 1250 B. C., and protected and held it until 1374 A. D. The Armenians during the earliest centuries of their existence worshipped, as their mighty God, Aramazt, Mihor and Venus. Christianity was introduced into Armenia as



early as the second century, by the Apostles, Bartholomew and Thadæus. It was more firmly established at the end of the third century by the labors of Bishop Gregory. This man in Armenia language was titled Lusavorich, the illuminator, who illuminated the mind and soul of the Armenians, by the light of Jesus Christ.

During the fifth century, the Armenians suffered great persecution from the Persians, who compelled them, by the force of cruelty and barbarism, to adopt the doctrines of Zoroaster. In 622 A. D. Mohammed established his religion and began to spread his influence over the districts of Asia. The Turks overpowered the Saracen Empire in 1288 A. D., and founded the Ottoman Empire, and one by one by the provinces of Eastern Empire both in Asia and in Europe fell into their hands. Finally in 1374 A. D. the Armenians were subdued by the irresistible army of the Sultan Shaban. From that time, unfortunately, they were left to the cruel treatment of Turkish rule. It is a fact that the people of the States, forming the nation, differ more or less in customs. Hence the customs which I shall describe are the customs of my native State. The people live in houses built from stone, bricks and a kind of mortar; many of them are three stories high. The inside of the house is quite differently arranged, compared with the houses of this country. Chairs are used

for fashion and a good appearance. The floors of the rooms and halls are covered with heavy carpets. On the three sides of the room are placed long seats, which are about two feet high and from eight to ten feet long. Back of the seat are placed long cushions set up side by side in one rank, which makes the seat very comfortable. The women are very particular in keeping the houses clean. It is customary and necessary for every one to take off his shoes before he enters the room. Most of the people are accustomed to sit on the floor, which is covered with carpets and cushions; and also eat their meals in the same position. The tables are one and a half feet high. The women do not hold positions as independent as in this country. They do not have any opportunity to cultivate their minds. The man absolutely overrules his wife. Relatives and friends are very closely associated with each other, they often visit one another during the evening, staying from seven to ten o'clock, and pass the time talking about their domestic affairs. I have often been in their company listening to their conversation; and while the girls and boys were laughing and playing in one corner of the room. The people in general are very hospitable both to the natives and strangers. Since the Armenians live under the subjection of the Turkish Empire, they do not have the privilege of constituting any system of government,



according to their taste. In laws they are dependent upon the Turkish government, which laws are not established on right principles, but on the false conceptions of Mohammedanism. They are judged by these laws, whether they are just or not. It is almost impossible to protest against these laws, which have been unchangeable throughout the centuries. The Armenian people are burdened with a heavy tax. The way in which these taxes are collected is very cruel. Those who are not able to pay, are imprisoned, and treated in a disgraceful manner. Armenian scholars very seldom occupy any position in the government. They have difficulty in getting any occupation, even though they have better ability than the Turks.

The constitution of the Armenian Church differs from the Greek Church, only in a few things, which are not very important. The church buildings are magnificent. Every day two services are held in the church by the priests.

The service consist in reading and singing sacred songs by the priests and a chorus class of young boys. The priests are held in high esteem by the people, who consider them divine. In some sections the people are very superstitious. They are left uneducated, and during the last five centuries, were oppressed by an uncivilized and cruel race of people. In 1830 A. D. missionary work was established in Armenia by American

missionaries, and it has done great work, educating the men. Indeed in the meantime many of them, yea, many priests have accepted the Protestant religion, and have established large congregations. If they would have the liberty, for which two years ago one hundred thousand Armenians were massacred, it is certain that they would become one of the foremost nations of the world in civilization and education. Truly Armenia needs human and divine help.



### The Trial of Socrates.

CHAS. E. SNOKE, '00.

The trial as it has come down to us is given not in his own words, but in those of Xenophon and Plato. The works of the latter are to some extent, fiction, that is founded on the fact bases to be found in the real trial. This makes it exceedingly difficult to find what is really true concerning the trial of the noted Socrates.

Taking it for granted that our sources of information are fairly correct and reliable, let us look at the several causes which brought about the trial.

One of the influences which entered largely into the trial is the sentiment against Socrates in the public mind, caused by the ridiculous representation of him in the *Clouds*, a drama written by Aristophanes. Although it was largely fictitious it had its effect on the unthinking minds of the Greek populace, and



a great weight in turning the verdict of the jury against Socrates.

Again the oracle declared that he was the wisest of men. Knowing that he dared not disbelieve the oracle, yet finding that he knew nothing himself he believed that he was divinely called to go out among the people and teach them that they knew nothing. In this Socrates was an adept and used his dialectics as a weapon against the rich and poor, young and old, learned and unlearned, without distinction. This gained for him public contempt, especially in so far as the Sophists were concerned. This, added to the effects of the Clouds, made him exceedingly unpopular and he became the object of merciless public scorn and ridicule which had its inevitable effect in the trial.

The third cause which we will mention was his firmness in holding to what he believed to be just in his translations as a public officer. By this means he became an enemy of the politicians. He also became obnoxious in the political world because two of his disciple, Critias and Alcibiades, became very corrupt politicians. This caused the people to blame him for the evil done by these corrupt politicians.

But we are told that the most immediate cause of his arrest and trial was that he induced a young man who was a tanner's son to leave his father's calling. This enraged Anytus, the father, and linking himself with Meletus and Lycon he

tried to convince the people that Socrates was guilty of corrupting the youth and of teaching impiety. These men succeeded in having him arrested and tried for the above offense.

Having now taken a brief survey of the causes of his arrest and trial, we must pass on to the trial. We have now seen the offensive side but let us turn for a moment to view the defensive. In his defense, as we have it, the true Socrates shines out brighter, no doubt, than at any former time.

He says in his exordium that he intends to use the same plain, simple, straight-forward language that he used in his every day dialectics. He states his great surprise at him, accused of these things. That he fears no *true* charge which many urged against him is evident from the way in which he begins his defense. Socrates having thus introduced his subject and having plainly stated his purpose, proceeds to take up and deny the accusations one by one.

First, he strikes a blow at the charge brought by Aristophanes in the Clouds. In this, the charge was that "with a wicked and mischievous curiosity he inquired into the things in heaven above and things under the earth; that he made the worse to appear the better reason; and that he taught others to do the same; in short that he was a natural philosopher and a sophist." He denies any such charge and pleads ignorance of the



natural philosophy of that day. Then with stinging irony he congratulates the possessors of such knowledge. Socrates' calmness and self-possession here is the best exemplification of his teaching to be found anywhere. By his ironical statements he completely outwits his accusers.

He now replies to the charge of being a corrupter of the youth. with his usual tact of asking questions he begins to refute the charge. He asks how one man could corrupt a whole multitude. He says that if he be a corrupter of the youth, he deserves not punishment but better instruction that he may become virtuous. Subtile as this may seem it is yet in accord with his teaching.

He now replies to the charge of atheism. Here again his severe logic manifests itself. He shows that the indictment is a contradiction within itself; for while they accuse him of atheism they also bring against him the charge of introducing strange Gods. I imagine Socrates put it this way: If I be an atheist and deny that there be any gods, how then can I bring in strange gods? Could any one speak about humanity and yet deny that there are human beings?

He now proceeds to answer the question, Why persist in a course which will bring death upon you? Appealing to their sense of bravery and loyalty to duty in war—the most powerful sentiment in the Greek mind at that time,—he at-

tempts to defend his position here. He cites them to his loyalty to duty at Potidaea, at Amphipohs, and at Delium, even at the peril of his life. He tells them that it is equally as much his duty to hold to what he sees to be the right course for him whether in war or not, even though it may cost him his life to do so. He feels that he ought to obey rather his daimonion than the wishes of his fellow men, however much he may love them.

Having now finished his defense Socrates wishes to be excused from trying to enlist the sympathy of the judges in his behalf—an almost invariable action at that day in Athens.

The trial took place before a jury of five hundred and fifty-seven judges. He was declared guilty by a majority of only five or six votes. The custom in vogue at Athens at this time was for the accuser to name one penalty and the convict another, between these two the judges were to decide. The accuser here named death; but Socrates held at first that he deserved the highest honor and public good, though finally was induced by his friends to name a paltry fine. The court gave him death.

To conclude we may say that, Christ excepted, there is not another single instance in all history where any other man acquitted himself more nobly, more frankly, more calmly, when on trial for his life than did the once much abused, but now time honored Socrates.

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THE recent election riots in North Carolina may well cause apprehension in the minds of all thinking people. What will be the outcome

of such hostile attitude? For several years it appeared as if the color line had entirely faded, and apparently while there was scarcely any outward show of hostility to the colored race, yet the recent outbreak has revealed the spirit held by the people. That the colored people were wrong in their actions is not denied, but these actions did not justify the wholesale slaughter of negroes by an enlightened and civilized people.

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IF A college education is to benefit any student it should teach him to do his own thinking. Original work in the literary society and in the rhetorical are of inestimable value to the student. No oration or essay which is not original can excel the original production of the faithful student. The one has done no thinking. The other has used his mind. The habits formed in this respect will cling to the person during life. The stolen sermons, lectures, and orations which are so often dealt out to people, prove the assertion.

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WHAT effect will the American victories in the late American-Spanish War have on Romanism, has often been asked? And right along with this is another which is of vital importance to us as religious and civil freemen, What will become of Romanism in the future? The most obsequious, unquestion-



ing, and faithful members of the Roman faith to-day are the ill-fated citizens of the Kingdom of Alfonso XIII. This is true of the territory that still remains, as well as it was true of those dependencies which have been wrested from him by force of arms. Missionaries of other faiths are not allowed within the bounds of the empire. The same despotism, the same exclusiveness, the same inquisitorial spirit that was prevalent in the bloody days of Duke Alva, still exist, and are suppressed only because they fear the neighboring countries.

Since 1870 the pope, the once greatest potentate of the world, is shorn of his temporal power. He can no longer compel the monarchs of the world to submit to him as did his predecessor compel Henry IV, of Germany, whom he required on the wintry days of January 25th to 27th, 1077, to stand bare-footed in the courtyard of the castle at Canossa, wearing a sackcloth shirt, fasting all day, and supplicating access to Hildebrand, Pope Gregory VII. This loss is felt keenly by the successor of St. Peter; But it is only a foretaste of what is to come.

For many years Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine group, were of incalculable financial benefit to the Holy See. Much of this is already put to better use. No longer will these islands contribute as freely as they have been. Being lost to Spain, and under the control of the United States, toleration will

be granted. Protestantism will be preached, the true doctrines of the Man of Galilee will be disseminated, the Roman influence already on the wane will be wholly destroyed.

The Spanish soldiers came in contact with Americans and American spirit. They recognized a vast difference. They surely inquired for the cause of the difference, and there was but one great cause, which was intelligence. When they learned that, they remembered that they lacked this among all things most essential, and that they lacked it because their religion forbid it.

The Spanish officials, proud, and confident, learned a sad lesson which they least of all expected. And they have inquired for the cause and have found the same as have their solders.

Considering, then, the difference of the two nations, and the effects of the conquests upon the conquered territory, it can have but one effect, and that of enlightening the people, and as the masses of Spain become enlightened they will forsake the shrine of St. Peter.



W. Roop is the keeper of the College cat, but said cat may be hired for reasonable terms. W. Roop was first to invest.

The rooms have been so cold during the past few weeks that the lamps burned with extreme difficulty.

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### Corner Stone Laying of the New Music Hall.

On Wednesday afternoon, November 23, at 3 o'clock the ceremonies incidental to the corner stone laying of the new Conservatory of Music building were held in the College Chapel and attended by a large number of the friends of the institution. Dr. H. U. Roop presided. The College quartet rendered a number of selections during the ceremonies. Rev. Morris F. Good, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, offered the invocation, after which Harry M. Imboden, '99, representing the Philokosmian Literary Society, spoke on the "Character of Work Done at Lebanon Valley College," referring to the various courses of study offered by the College in ancient and modern languages, science, art and music. Music the ancient Greeks believed regulated the soul. The speaker declared this true, as the national anthems of the different nations illustrate. Climatic conditions affect the moral tone of music and literature. Lebanon Valley College is favorably located and the environments are such as to make it an ideal educational centre.

Adam K. Wier, '00, representing the Kalozetean Literary Society, choosing as his subject, "The Life in Lebanon Valley College—Social and Religious." He stated that with the marked progress of the College in all departments the social

and religious life of the College was keeping pace with the other advancements. He spoke of Christian education as not only the highest type of instruction but the greatest power and quickest road to directing the race in the pathway of right. The social life of the students is enhanced by the close relationship and daily contact with the students and professors in classroom, dormitories and athletic field.

Miss Susie Moyer, '00, represented the Clionian Literary Society, spoke upon "Music in L. V. C.," in part as follows:

"We, the students of the College, rejoice in the laying of the corner stone of the Conservatory of Music. All occasions of this kind carry with them their own peculiar interest. The laying of every corner stone symbolizes the existence of some new influence or spirit-far-reaching, affecting not only those of to-day, but those of the generations to come. The 'progressive spirit' is not foreign to Lebanon Valley College. It has maintained its standard under disadvantages. The rooms were few and the pianos, some of them instruments of torture.

"At this stage comes the 'Good Samaritan' with pecuniary help. Music will be made a distinct and separate feature of the College. The aim of the new Conservatory will be the highest and the best. A large pipe organ will be placed in the auditorium, a teachers' training class will be organized, as will



also a permanent orchestra and band. In the piano, organ and voice branches there will be three of the most complete courses equaling any conservatory in America. There has already been shown an increasing interest in the music department of the College and we know it will continue to progress."

Prof. H. Oldham and Miss Lizzie Kreider rendered a piano duet in a manner which elicited much favorable comment.

Rev. A. A. Arthur, Ph.D., pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, Lebanon, delivered the principal address in the Chapel. He spoke in part as follows:

"The addition of this Hall of Music to the equipment of your College, is another monument to the expansion and power of the Christian idea of cultured manhood and womanhood. And let it be said to the honor of the Church of Jesus Christ, that the corner stone of our national intelligence so far as that has been advanced by the higher institutions of learning, and so far as it is embodied in the character of our people who have come within the radius of the influence of these institutions, was firmly laid when our fathers founded the first college in the serious belief, that religion and education were the only safe supports of free institutions. That upon these alone could there be erected that Temple of Honor, into which men should pass to receive the decoration of a citizenship, which combined allegi-

ance to man, and service to God. Let it be said to the glory of the Church of Jesus Christ that in the development of the ideal Christian character, and in the spread of the ideals of Christian service, that the establishment of these temples of learning under the direction of the Church, has been in the interest not of this or that particular dogma which may perhaps have but a sectarian value, but in the interest of the widest culture, which can bring the wisdom of the Divine down to the mind and heart of every man and woman who will dare to tread the path to Him. I say it is glory of the Christian College to-day that there is no limit set to the advances she is ready to make in the interest of the diffusion of the highest and broadest culture, but that which is imposed upon her by the lack of financial assistance. To you, friends and supporters of Lebanon Valley College, has come a happy day, when with this building an assured addition to your equipment, you look out upon a future of growing influence and success, and may it be that as you lay this corner stone of another building of your College settlement, you will find some day that you have laid the corner stone of repeated successes as Christian educators, such as shall give you an honored name wherever the name of Christian Education is loved and revered."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies in the Chapel, the audience



and speakers went to the site of the new Conservatory building, where Bishop Kephart, D.D., LL.D., delivered an address in which he spoke of the importance of the event, marking a new era for advancement in the history of the College. The Bishop at the close of his remarks placed the corner stone in position. In the metal box was placed the following: Bible, History of the College, Catalogues, The Bazaare, COLLEGE FORUM, History and present officers of the Literary Societies and Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., the Religious Telescope, and Annville Journal.

#### DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING.

The new Conservatory building of which the corner stone was laid, will be of the Colonial style of architecture, so popular of late. The building will extend 79 feet along College Avenue and 81 feet on Sheridan Avenue. It will be constructed of brownstone from Brownstown quarries, with suitable trimmings and ornamentations of other material. The exterior construction will be such as cannot but fail to impress the visitor on account of its classical appearance. The ground floor will contain a large auditorium for concert and entertainment purposes, 45 x 80 feet, with a finely arranged stage, including a drop curtain, etc. The auditorium will have a gallery, which together with the main floor, will afford seating room for about 800. It will be furnished in the

most improved modern style, with sloping floor, folding opera chairs, etc., and will contain one of the most complete pipe organs in the State, which will occupy a recess to the rear of the stage. On each side of the stage will be two waiting rooms, which will ordinarily be used as practice rooms. These rooms will be so arranged as to enable pianos to be moved on the stage at a moment's notice without difficulty. The balance of the ground floor will have rooms for the College library, teaching apartments for musical directors' use. A six-foot hall-way will extend the entire length of the building and all rooms will have independent communication with the hall-way. Toilet rooms, etc., will also be part of the general arrangement.

The second floor will contain the vocal teacher's room, assistant piano teacher's room, and reading and writing rooms for the exclusive use of the music pupils. Besides the apartments named on the second floor, there will be nine practice rooms, each containing a piano. The third floor will contain rooms for the Philokosmian, Kalozetean and Clonian Literary Societies, which will be neatly fitted up by the respective organizations. All in all the building when completed will be an ornament, as well as valuable addition to the College and to Annville and to the county as well.

Director Oldham and his corps of efficient assistants are anxiously



looking forward to the time when they can occupy the quarters being erected for the music department, which is increasing in popularity and influence throughout this section. Work on the new edifice will be rushed as speedily as possible. The building committee consists of B. H. Engle, Harrisburg; Dr. H. U. Roop, Annville; Wm. H. Ulrich, Hummelstown, and H. H. Kreider, Annville.



#### Educators in Session.

The twelfth annual convention of the College Association of the Middle States and Maryland was held in Columbia University, New York City, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25th and 26th, and was very largely attended from various educational institutions. Among them was our President, H. U. Roop, as our delegate.

The first meeting of this organization was held July 5, 1887. All the college faculties of the State were invited to participate. Fifteen colleges responded to the call and sent delegates to the meeting. At the present time, the Association has 156 institutions on its roll of membership.

The aim of the Association has been to unite the educational interests within its territory. Papers showing the relation of the colleges to the State, and to the general educational systems of the State and country are discussed from time to time.

At this year's meeting the papers read and discussed were interesting, thoroughly practical and able. The following were some of the subjects: "The Teaching of History in Secondary Schools;" "Entrance Requirements of Engineering Colleges;" "The Position of the Secondary School in the Present Educational Movement;" "The Necessity of Teaching the Duties of Citizenship in the Public Schools."

The social features of the meeting gave interest and variety to the program. Friday 1 p. m., in Fiske Hall Barnard College of Columbia University, the Trustees and officers of the College served luncheon to the delegates attending the convention. In the evening (Friday), after the lecture, President and Mrs. Seth Low gave a delightful reception to the delegates. This gave delegates an opportunity to meet old and new friends.

Within a square of the University buildings is Gen. Grant's tomb and monument, 100 feet square and 168 feet in height. It is built of granite on the outside and marble on the inside, at a cost of \$600,000, all but \$38,000 of which were contributed by the citizens of New York City.

All present pronounced this year's meeting the most enthusiastic ever held.



Mary says two is too "many, many, many."



### Personals.

Mr. J. D. Stehman spent November 11-18 at his home, Mountville.

Mr. W. C. Arnold spent several days at his home at York.

Miss Anna Meyers was home, November 11-14, at Mountville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dundor, Womelsdorf, spent Sunday, November 13, with their daughter, Lillie, at the College.

Mr. I. W. Huntzberger was sojourning among friends at Carlisle, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13.

Mr. Frank Douglass reports a very pleasant trip, November 5 and 6, among friends at Steelton and Middletown.

Prof. Spangler preached morning and evening, October 29, in Trinity U. B. Church, Lebanon.

Messrs. Arnfield and Burtner have been confined to their rooms several days during the week on account of illness.

Mr. W. G. Clippinger spent Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, at Highspire and Steelton, preaching twice and giving an address before the Y. P. S. C. E., at the latter place.

Miss Edith Grabill has been very ill during the past week. For a time it was thought she would not recover, but we are glad to say she is improving.

Miss Susie Moyer spent Sunday,

October 29, at Elizabethville, the guest of Miss Buffington; and Misses Valersham and Dundor, at Womelsdorf, the latter's home.

President and Mrs. Roop attended a number of the sessions of the Lebanon county teachers' institute, where he delivered several addresses and she, in her usual pleasing manner, rendered several vocal selections.

Miss Wolfe did not meet any of her classes during the week because of the illness of Miss Grabill, having given her entire time to the needs of the patient.

Rev. W. O. Jones left on Tuesday, November 15, to take charge of an appointment in Virginia Conference, recently made vacant by the death of the former pastor. Mr. Jones will remain away until March next. May he be abundantly successful in his labors there.

Mr. A. W. Miller, accompanied by Alfred Tennyson Sumner, was a sojourner among his friends at Mechanicsburg, November 20. Mr. Sumner gave an address in the U. B. Church, concerning the condition of his native country.

Mr. A. L. House, who had been confined to his home for several weeks, is much improved. We hope to see him out soon again.

Prof. C. S. Kelshner, of Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., was with us on Saturday, November 19, arranging for several games of baseball during the coming season.



The November number of the American Journal of science contained an article on "The Relation between Structural and Magneto-Optic Rotation," by Professor A. W. Wright and Instructor Dr. D. Albert Kreider, of Yale University. Dr. Kreider is an alumnus of College, '92. Dr. Roop, his class-mate received a copy.



#### Alumni.

The Alumna! editor was pleased to hear of the success of Rev. W. H. Washinger, A.M., '91, pastor of the First United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa. At a recent meeting held by the officials of the First United Brethren Church, of Dayton, Ohio, Rev. Washinger was invited to become their pastor, which offer, however, he declined. By this call a high honor was conferred upon Rev. Washinger. First Church, Dayton, is the most prominent church of the denomination, and a call from that body reflects great honor upon him to whom the call is extended.

Norman C. Schleichter, A.B., '97, who is now the active assistant secretary of the West Philadelphia branch of the Y. M. C. A., has been accorded high honors as a poet. Recently the "Youth's Companion" published one of his poems entitled "Trundle-bed Land," which was copied soon after by the New York Sun.

Rev. E. O. Burtner, B.S., B.D.,

'80, pastor of the Central United Brethren Church, Philadelphia, was an attendant at corner-stone laying of Engle Conservatory of Music, on November 23d.

Rev. E. S. Bowman and wife, '90, of Mechanicsburg, were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Daugherty, during the anniversary of the Clonian Literary Society.

Miss Bertha Mayer, '96, of Sacramento, Pa., was a most delightful caller among the girls of the College on Thanksgiving.

Harry Heberly, '96, who is the efficient bookkeeper in the Celastino Castello Co., and private secretary of A. B. Fahrquar, of York, was welcomed by his many friends also at the anniversary.

Miss Ruth Mumma, '96, of Lancaster, who has been ill for some time, has recovered sufficiently to be able to attend the Clio Anniversary. During this time she was the guest of Miss Mary Kreider.

W. H. Kreider, '94, and wife, of Philadelphia, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kreider.



#### Clonian Anniversary.

On Thursday evening, November 24th, the Clonian Literary Society held its anniversary exercises in Chapel. Music was furnished by the Perse orchestra of Lebanon. The rostrum was beautifully decorated with palms. On account of



the illness of Miss Grabill the second number of the program was omitted. The program was well rendered; all the speakers did justice to themselves, the occasion, and the institution. The honorary oration on "The New Woman," by Mrs. Loula-Funk Bowman, deserves special mention. She treated her subject in a masterly manner and charmed her hearers by her excellent delivery. The following was the program:

Piano Quartette—"Tannhauser March,"  
Wagner.  
Misses A. Kreider, S. Herr, Moyer  
and Dundor.

Invocation.  
Vocal Solo—When the Golden Rods'  
Aflame, *Campion.*  
Edith S. Grabill.

President's Address,  
Mary E. Kreider.

Piano Solo—"Alice," *Ascher.*  
Arabella E. Batdorf.

Eulogy—Alice Cary,  
Bess M. Landis.

Vocal Solo—Springtime, *Hahn.*  
Mary E. Kreider.

Oration—The True Heroine,  
S. Anna Myers.

Critique—"A Singular Life,"  
*Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.*

Lillian G. Kreider.

Piano Solo—Sequidella, *Bohm.*  
Anna E. Kreider.

Honorary Oration—"The New Woman,"  
Mrs. Loula-Funk Bowman.

Chorus—Estudianta, *Tacome.*  
Society.



### Among the Societies.

CLIONIAN.

*Virtude et Fide.*

EMMA R. BATDORF, '99.

Seeing and feeling the importance of society work, Misses Winnifred Stover and Mary Zimmerman have

joined our Society, and feel very much at home among us. It made us feel very happy and very much encouraged.

On Friday evening November 11th, we were all very much surprised as well as delighted, to have Prof. and Mrs. Lehman and Prof. and Mrs. Spangler visit our society. The visitors gave us excellent talks along society work, telling us how and where we could improve and also encouraging us to go on in that noble work which will equip us better for life duties. It certainly did our hearts good to have our instructors visit us in our society hall, thus showing that they are interested in the work we are doing. We are very sorry that they have not done so before and hope that in the future they may often be seen in our halls and give us the words of encouragement which we so much need.

The joint session held with our Philo. brothers on November 4, is one that will be long remembered. The program was instructive as well as entertaining. We had many visitors that evening, among them were Pres. and Mrs. Roop, Miss Wolf, and Mrs. Allen, who gave us a very interesting address. We were very sorry that circumstances made it impossible for our President to remain with us all evening, as we all expected an excellent talk.

During the past two weeks our



hearts were very much grieved, owing to the sickness of one of our dear Clio sisters. We cannot understand why this sorrow has entered our midst, but when we know that "He doeth all things well," we try not to complain but hope and pray that she may be speedily restored to her former health and be once more the bright, happy girl, who is always so kind to her friends and associates, but we are glad to say that she is slowly recovering.

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PHILOKOSMIAN.

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*Esse Quam Videre.*

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RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

The following persons have visited us this month: Prof. J. E. Lehman, Messrs. Stees and Bowman. We hope they will visit us often.

Owing to the entertainment given by the Ariel Sextette, the first concert of the Philo Lecture Course, the regular meeting was suspended on Friday evening, Nov. 18.

A good program is prepared for Friday evening, Dec. 2.



#### The First Division of the Senior Rhetorical Class.

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The first division of the Senior Class of the College under the instruction of Dr. Roop gave a public rhetorical exercise on the evening of Nov. 19th, clad in cap and gown. "To say that the large au-

dience went away delighted, and that the friends of the College were proud and pleased, is putting it mildly." During the last year the number in the class has been doubled.

As will be seen from the program printed below, the subjects were well chosen and the topics of the day taken up and discussed in an able manner, every one doing finely.

The musical part of the program was by no means the least enjoyable. Miss Lillian Kreider who is comparatively new before the public, was a pleasant surprise to many, and gives great promise for the future. Professor Oldham's playing was simply inspiring, his solo vociferously encored, and enthusiasm rose to white heat, as he with Mr. Grant Miller, of the Miller Organ Co., rendered the beautiful "Tell Overture."

Piano Duett, *Canzonette Godard.*

Miss Ada Groff and Prof. Oldham.

Invocation. Bishop E. B. Kephart.

Our Military System, John P. Batdorf.

The Lordship of Affection,

Miss Leah C. Hartz.

Crossing the Alps, C. V. Clippinger.

Vocal Solo—Mona, *Adams.*

Miss Lizzie Kreider.

Lessons on the Late War,

Miss Susie F. Herr.

Man's Inhumanity to Man,

W. G. Clippinger.

\* Omnia in Christo, W. O. Jones.

Piano Solo—Home, Sweet Home,

Prof. Oldham. *Thalbery.*

The American Woman,

Miss Mary E. Kreider.

Our Duty to Spain, G. Mahlon Miller.

Educational Advancement in Public Schools, Miss Bess M. Landis.



Vocal Duett—Swallow's Farewell, *Abl.*

Mrs. Herwin U. Roop and Miss Anna  
S. Myers.

The Czar's Plea, Irvin E. Runk.  
The Educated Girl,

Miss Hattie S. Shelly.

A Perplexing Problem,

John D. Stehman.

Piano Duett—Tell Overture, *Gotschalk.*

Mr. Grant Miller and Prof. Oldham.

\*Excused.



### Athletics.

The foot ball season is over and Lebanon Valley College is proud of the record it has made. When we consider that a few years ago we were unknown so far as athletics is concerned, surely we can congratulate ourselves upon our success. In all nine games were played; the first six games were recorded in the November FORUM.

On Saturday November 5, our team went to Mercersburg and played the academy team of that place. Prior to this time the Mercersburg team had not been scored on this season. The strength of our team is shown by the following score—L. V. C., 16; Mercersburg Academy, 16.

Our team had now acquired such prominence that they received a challenge from the Dickinson College first team, for a game on Saturday November 12. Unfortunately five of our regular players were unable to go along, and their places were filled by substitutes

from our second team. When it is remembered that Dickinson defeated Gettysburg, this season, by a score of 44 to 0, it is no discredit to us that our 'mixed team' was defeated by a score of 56 to 0.

On Monday November 21, the last game of the season was played on the College Campus, between L. V. C. and Franklin and Marshall Academy. In this game Oyer was absent, but his place at right end was filled by Badtorf, who did very good work. The students turned out in full and a large number of persons from Annville and Lebanon witnessed the game. Touchdowns, Huntzberger 2, Douglass 2, Stees 1. The score was L. V. C. 28; F. and M. Academy 7.

The players at present are as follows: Center, Smith; right guard, Huntzberger; left guard, Sollenberger; right tackle, Roop; left tackle, Gass; right end, Oyer; left end, Douglass; quarter back, Fisher; right half, Stehman; left half, Stees; full back, Hoy.

Great credit is due Manager Miller for his interest and promptness in securing games and looking after the welfare of the men.

The popularity of Coach Stees is proven by the fact that the Athletic Association has decided to secure his services for the remainder of the year. Under his training we predict for L. V. C. a prominent place in base ball circles next spring.



### Exchanges.

The editor was pleasantly surprised recently to receive from the post office a copy of the November "Dickinsonian." It proves itself worthy to be ranked with the best of our exchanges. This number is filled with carefully written articles of a very good literary character which represent the inner life of Dickinson College. In an article entitled, "Stray Words," the author quotes from a former professor the following: "I do object to men with no merit but vulgarity, no education but self-conceit, no qualification but impudence, forcing themselves into professions to degrade their dignity and render them contemptible."

The "College Era" comes to us filled with college news and happenings, but we think that it would better represent Western were it made much stronger in a literary line.

We are glad to welcome to our exchange sanctum "The Muhlenberg." It contains a well written article, "A Distinction," which sets forth in a clear and concise manner the social distinctions of our times. We venture the following quotation from the same:

"If we are to have distinction in our society, let it be of character, not of acquisition; if we are to have classes, let them be formed not of those who spend the most

money, but of such as lead noble lives. This is the only aristocracy that we can afford to have—one that all may hope to join, one to which all will be welcome, one that truly shall be worthy of our honor and of our devotion."

Hiller (stamping down the hall)  
—"I don't get out the way of a jackass!"

Wriggins (stepping aside to let him pass)—"But I do."—Ex.

He said: "To me I swear you're a volume rare;"

But she said, with judicial look,  
"Your oath's not good by common law  
Until you've kissed the book."—Ex.

The "Furman Echo" is up to its old standard. It is strong and vigorous and well worth a thoughtful perusal. It is most neatly gotten up in addition to its value in a literary respect.

We should like to comment on all our exchanges but space forbids. "The College Student," "Red and Blue," "Eatonian," "Leshian Herald," "Muesnosynean," and others deserve favorable mention.

Backward, turn backward, O Time in  
your flight;  
Feed me on gruel soup just for tonight;  
I am so tired of sole-leather steak,  
Petrified doughnuts and vulcanized cake,  
Oysters that sleep in a watery bath,  
Butter as strong as Goliath of Gath;  
Weary of paying for what I can't eat,  
Chewing up rubber and calling it meat.  
Backward, turn backward, for weary I am;  
Give me a whack at my grandmother's  
jam,



Let me drink milk that has never been skimmed,  
Let me eat butter whose hair has been trimmed,  
Let me once more have an old-fashioned pie;  
Then I'll be ready to curl up and die.  
—Adler's Suggester.



The chess club has again come to light. A few new players have also come to light, who promise to give the old players a lively chase.



Charley S. knows how to have the good will of those who be nearest his affections.

That's right Charley, entertain Papa whenever opportunity presents itself.



That was a mighty mean trick of Tommies to let Prof. Lehman's ducks out of his barn, the night before Thanksgiving, but because of this the Seniors had a short recitation in Astronomy.



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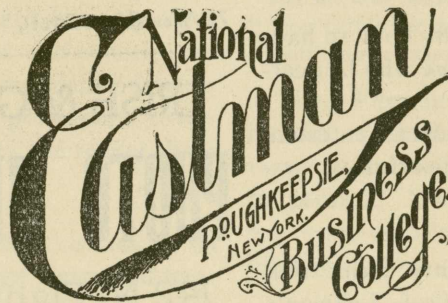


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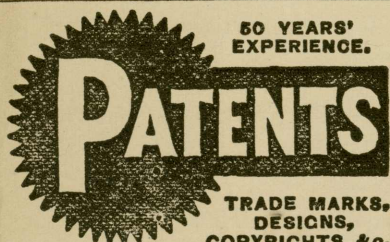


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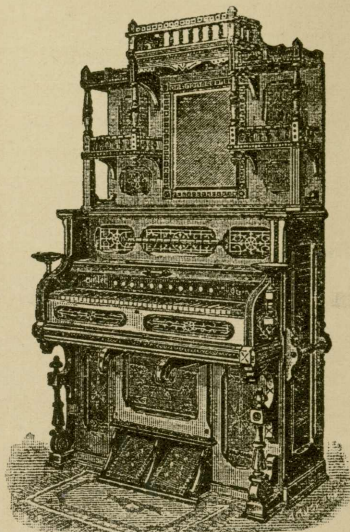
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